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Chapter ___

REVIEW OF SECTORAL CLUSTERS: LAND, DESERTIFICATION, FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

1. At the 3rd, 5th and ___ meetings, on 12 and __ April 1995, the Commission considered item 6 of its agenda. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on an integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources (E/CN.17/1995/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on "Combating deforestation" and the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (E/CN.17/1995/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought (E/CN.17/1995/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development (E/CN.17/1995/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development (E/CN.17/1995/6);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on conservation of biological diversity (E/CN.17/1995/7);

(g) Report of the Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Group on Sectoral Issues of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/1995/10);

(h) Note by the Secretariat transmitting a statement of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (E/CN.17/1995/27);

(i) Letter dated 3 April 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Workshop on Integrated Land Management, held in the Netherlands, 20-22 February 1995 (E/CN.17/1995/33).

2. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 April 1995, the Commission heard statements by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Group on Sectoral Issues, the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, and the Chairperson of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Israel.

4. At the same meeting, the Commission also heard presentations by members of a panel consisting of Sir Martin Holdgate (Chairman of the Ad Hoc Inter-sessional Working Group on Sectoral Issues), His Excellency the Honourable John Falloon (Minister of Forestry of New Zealand and Chairman of the Ministerial Meeting on Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), Mr. Franz Fischler (European Commissioner for Agriculture), Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell (Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Mr. David Harcharick (Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and Mr. Graham Blight (President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

5. At the 5th meeting, on 12 April 1995, the Commission held a general discussion on the item jointly with item 4 (see E/CN.17/1995/L.1/Add.2, para. 3).

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